

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Insert the following new heading after the Title and before line 1 as follows:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please amend the following heading before paragraph [0002] as follows:

**BACKGROUND OF ~~THE~~ INVENTION INFORMATION**

Please amend paragraph [0009] as follows:

During a snow removing operation, a foreign matter 208 such as a stone buried in snow can be caught in a gap 210 between the first auger blade 205 and an auger housing 209 or in a gap 210 between the second auger blade 206 and the auger housing 209.

Please amend paragraph [0043] as follows:

An auger housing 35 is provided to a front portion 32 of the blower housing 31. A drive shaft 38 extends forward from the engine 14. The drive shaft 38 extends through the blower housing 31 into the auger housing 35. A blower 40 disposed in the blower housing 31 is mounted on a middle portion of the drive shaft 38. A distal end portion 39 of the drive shaft 38 is connected to a power transmission member 43

(so-called auger mission) disposed centrally in a transverse direction of the snow removal machine 10 (i.e., a transverse center of the snow removal machine). Left and right auger shafts 45, 46 (see FIG. 2 for the right auger shaft 46) extend left and right from the power transmission member 43. Left and right augers 50 and 51 are mounted on the left and right auger shafts 45 and 46 (see FIG. 2 for the right auger 51).

**Please amend paragraph [0085] as follows:**

As shown in FIG. 3, the ~~augur~~ auger device 30 is configured such that the inner auger blade 57 is displaced 120° rearward around the auger shaft with respect to the outer auger blade 55, and the intermediate auger blade 56 is displaced 120° rearward around the auger shaft with respect to the inner auger blade 57.